

# HF Happenings

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The photograph in HF Happenings 527 shows the Great Fish Light-house northeast of Port Alfred.

## *Jamboree on the Air and CQ Hou Koers*

Thank you to all the radio amateurs who supported the Scouts, Guides and Voortrekkers with Jamboree-on-the-Air and CQ Hou Koers.

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## *CQ WW DX Contest*

Are you ready for the CQ World Wide Contest? <http://www.cqww.com/>. Part of getting ready is to read the rules and there are some new rules this year.

[http://cqww.com/rules\\_2012changes.htm](http://cqww.com/rules_2012changes.htm). All online records and scores have been updated, too. You can now submit your CQ WW log on via a web site <http://cqww.com/logcheck> with instant feedback on any formatting errors. There is a blog for late-breaking announcements, too. (Thanks, CQ WW Director, Randy, K5ZD)

## *Word to the Wise*

The time to update your logging software is today ... *Not Friday Afternoon Before The Contest!*

## *RaDAR Contest*

An event aimed at promoting the use of Rapid Deployable Amateur Radio (RaDAR) stations and antennas, preferably without relying on normal mains power (Eskom). This contest is for everyone, at home, mobile or in the field. Any mode can be used CW, SSB, AM, FM or any digital mode. Any amateur band or Satellite can be used. The points system is so structured as to encourage portable operation. Score multipliers are used to reward and favour the Portable/RaDAR stations using temporary antennas and alternative power supply sources.

The next RaDAR contest takes place on Saturday 3 November 2012, starting at 12:00 UTC and ending at 18:00 UTC (14:00 CAT to 20:00 CAT) giving 6 hours of activity = approximately 4 during the day and 2 at night. All amateur bands allowed including cross band contacts via amateur satellites. QSOs via terrestrial repeaters will NOT be allowed. Modes - All amateur modes.

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## Suggested HF Calling frequencies

Band	CW	Phone	Digital	Notes
160 m	1 836 kHz	1 845 kHz	Refer to General Rule 16	ZS and ZR
80 m	3 560 kHz	3 690 kHz	Refer to General Rule 16	ZS, ZR and ZU
40 m	7 030 kHz	7 090 kHz	Refer to General Rule 16	ZS, ZR and ZU
20 m	14 080 kHz	14 240 kHz	Refer to General Rule 16	ZS and ZR
15 m	21 080 kHz	21 350 kHz	Refer to General Rule 16	ZS and ZR
10 m	28 060 kHz	28 360 kHz	Refer to General Rule 16	ZS, ZR and ZU

The exchange is your call sign, your name, a RS(T) report, your QTH and grid locator. If the grid locator is not known, then some other information that could describe the location, e.g. Mabula Lodge, 40 km west of Warmbaths

The scoring is 1 point per QSO and 1 QSO per mode, per band / satellite, per call sign. The following multipliers are applicable to determine the final score. Category multiplier - X 1 - Home station; X 2 - Field station and X 3 - RaDAR station (Refer to 'What constitutes a true RaDAR Station' below).

The definitions listed in the general section of the SARL rules define the above stations types accurately. A mobile station will be treated as a field station. A portable station not meeting the requirements as a field station will be treated as a home station.

The power multiplier that applies is determined by the highest power output of any of the transmitters used during the contest. - 5 watts or less the power multiplier is 6; 6 to 50 Watts, the power multiplier is 4 and 51 watts or greater, the power multiplier is 2.

Bonus points for Portable and RaDAR stations - 5 points (equivalent to five QSOs) for a minimum of one satellite or any digital mode QSO involving a computer. For clarity: thereafter 1 point per Satellite / Digital modes QSO)

What constitutes a true RaDAR Station? To be considered as a true RaDAR station, the entire station equipment, radios, batteries, mast, antennas and refreshments must be easily portable and hence the need to carry the equipment for at least 1 km prior to setting up. For the sake of safety, it will be acceptable to carry / backpack your entire station for a distance of at least 1 km and end up where you started from - your home, campsite, picnic site, motor vehicle or wherever you choose to operate. Log sheets must be sent to the Lichtenburg Amateur Radio Club (LARK), PO Box 410, Lichtenburg, 2740 or by e-mil to [zs6lrk@nwinternet.za.org](mailto:zs6lrk@nwinternet.za.org). The closing date for logs is 18 November 2012 and a photograph of the station (JPG format) MUST accompany every log entry.

## October

20 - CQ Hou Koers - Voortrekkers  
 20 and 21 - Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet  
 22 and 23 - Rose Festival, Bloemfontein [www.lochlogan.co.za](http://www.lochlogan.co.za)  
 26 to 28 - Classic Music Festival, Franschhoek [www.franschhoekclassic.co.za](http://www.franschhoekclassic.co.za)  
 27 and 28 - CQ WW DX SSB Contest  
 27 to 29 - Night Ride and Full Moon Hikes, Stellenbosch [www.dirtopia.co.za](http://www.dirtopia.co.za)  
 31 Oct to 3 Nov - Cape Town Military Tattoo

## November

1 and 2 - FNB Whisky Live Festival [www.whiskylivefestival.co.za](http://www.whiskylivefestival.co.za)  
 2 to 4 - Bonnievale Bonanza Outdoor Family Festival [www.bonnievalebonanza.co.za](http://www.bonnievalebonanza.co.za)  
 2 to 4 Parys Dome Adventure Festival [www.domefest.co.za](http://www.domefest.co.za)  
 3 - RaDAR Contest  
 3 and 4 - Cape Town International Kite Festival [www.capementalhealth.co.za](http://www.capementalhealth.co.za)  
 10 - Mount Grace Fine produce Farmers Market, Magaliesburg [www.mountgrace.co.za](http://www.mountgrace.co.za)  
 11 - Armistice Day / PEARS HF DX Contest  
 15 to 17 - Cherry Festival, Ficksburg [www.cherryfestival.co.za](http://www.cherryfestival.co.za)  
 17 and 18 - SARL National Field Day  
 24 and 25 - CQ WW DX Phone Contest  
 28 - SARL 80 m Club Contest, CW

## 30 Metre Multi Mode Weekend

When: 27 and 28 October 2012. Where: 10 MHz - 30 Metre Band (10,100 - 10,150)





Objective: To promote experimenting and using different digital modes on the unique 30 Metre Band.

Those of you who want to participate using the more common modes of CW, BPSK31, RTTY, we welcome that, but those wanting to try other less used modes please do so and turn your RSID on to help others know what mode you are transmitting (common modes i.e. BPSK31/RTTY no need for RSID, do use RSID on the less common/exotic modes i.e. QBSK, HELL, MSK, DOMINOEX, THOR, THROB, CONTESTIA, OLIVIA, etc).

A number of digital mode groups will be participating this weekend so if you have wanted to try out a new digital mode or make some contacts using less common digital modes this weekend might be of interest to you. There are a number of multi-mode digital software programs so this is also a chance to get on the 30 Metre Band to try them out. Most of them have RSID/TXID (Reed Solomon Identifier- automatic mode detection and tuning).

This event is NOT a contest...no set times...no rules...no exchanges...no winners other than those that participate with casual use of the 30 Metre Band knowing that others with like interests will be on this weekend to experiment, ragchew, DX and have some fun trying different digital modes!

Where on the 30 Metre Band to find different digital mode activity: (*Note: these are suggested only and observations of known digital mode activity*)

[http://homepage.ntlworld.com/wadei/30m\\_band\\_utilization.htm](http://homepage.ntlworld.com/wadei/30m_band_utilization.htm). (*For a very detailed 30 m Band chart please go to the 30 m Band Utilization Chart - Provided by Ian G3NRW*)

10,100 - 10,130 CW  
10,132 - SSTV-Narrow (MP73-N) Region 2  
10,135 - 10,138 - FeldHELL  
10,1386 - MEPT/WSPR  
10,138-10,140 - JT65 (WSJT)  
10,1405 - PROPNET & PropNet Robots (BPSK31)  
10,139 - 10,141 WSPR (QSO MODE-WSJT)  
10,140 - 10,141 BPSK31 QRP  
10,140 - 10,142 BPSK31 - DX Region 1,2,3 (or BPSK/QPSK,31, 63, 125, < 125 Hz)  
10,142 - 10,145 RTTY, MFSK, THOR, THROB, DOMINO, OLIVIA, CONTESTIA, etc,  
10,144 - 10,145 ROS (Region 2 - note not legal in USA)  
10,144 - FeldHELL (Region 1)  
10,144 - SSTV-Narrow (MP73-N) Region 1  
10,142 - 10,144 - ALE-400 Hz  
10,145 - 10,148 - ALE-2 kHz  
10,147 - 10,148 PSKMail/APRS  
10,1491 - 10,1495 APRS

Operating hints for the weekend:

- Do use RSID (RXID/TXID) for the less common/exotic modes (i.e. Contestia, Olivia, Domino, etc)
- Do CQ with RSID for more than just a few of CQs, don't expect to have someone to reply on a less common used mode the first few CQs ... give it a while for others to find you and the mode being used
- Do use good operating habits - clean signal, lowest wattage to complete the QSO, QRL in common mode first, if band is busy or crowded spread out or use narrower width modes (i.e. if band is busy do not use OLIVIA 8/500 in the middle of the 30 Metre PSK 10.141 portion of the Band-not good operating habit if the band is busy and you will not make many friends)





- Do have fun and compare modes, wattage, antennas, etc with other operators that are interested to do the same. Most the 30 Metre Digital Operators are not Call, 599, 73 most want a QSO (even DX)

- Do use <http://www.HamSpots.net> for spotting, announcements of mode, etc.

- Do use the other digital ops with more experience most seasoned digital ops on 30 Meters are very helpful and will have the patience to help if needed...also might use and log on to HamSpots. Please note we are secondary users of the 30 Metre Band and to use good operating procedures <http://www.30mdg.net/tips.html>

Also if you have not participated in the 30MDG Awards Program please have a look at the 111 Awards 30MDG offers to have fun on the 30 Metre Band - it's FREE fun, casual, and all you have to do is download the FREE Ultimate 30 (U30) software that will do all the work for you so it easy! Go here for more information on our 30 MDG Awards Program and information:

[http://www.30mdg.net/award\\_rules.html](http://www.30mdg.net/award_rules.html), [http://www.30mdg.net/awards\\_01.html](http://www.30mdg.net/awards_01.html)

<http://www.u30.hf-core.at/>. Have fun and hope to see you on the waterfall!

Thanks from the 30 Metre Digital Group (30MDG) celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, our soon to be 6 000 members, and over 31 000 30MDG Award Certificates issued! Don, KB9UMT, 30MDG#0001 & 30MDG "Team", [www.30MDG.net](http://www.30MDG.net), <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/30MDG/>

### *Chair for the Radio Shack*

We spend hours and hours (and hours) driving our cars - almost as many as we spend driving our radios. Those seats are pretty comfy - maybe some spare seats could be converted into a good shack chair with some adjustment of the table height and equipment placement. Maybe you could replace the tuning knob with a steering wheel.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Turn-Junker-Car-Seats-into-Beautiful-Office/>

### *Support Requested: Youth in Ham Radio*

Greetings, my name is Jeff Demers, N1SNB, [n1snb@amateurradiosupplies.com](mailto:n1snb@amateurradiosupplies.com). I wanted to take a quick moment to tell you about a new program to support youth activity on the HF bands.

Chances are, if you were like me, getting on the air after getting your first license was a little challenging. Parents were bugged. Pennies were saved. Numerous "compromise" measures were taken to get that first station on the air! My company, Amateur Radio Supplies LLC, of Haverhill, Massachusetts seeks to help a few lucky young hams get on the HF bands and make some contacts! Do you know any deserving young hams? We will be giving away three complete HF stations per year in order to support activity on the ham bands. Details at: <http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com/youth-s/222.htm>

My sincere hope is that you can spread the word to your club membership. Link the give-away from your club web site; mention it in your newsletter - anything you can do - to help make sure this program is a success is greatly appreciated. The more kids we can get on the air, the better!

If you have a young ham to nominate, email us. Otherwise, individuals are invited to apply right from our website: <http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com>

Your support is greatly appreciated. The future of ham radio depends on youth activity. Please help spread the word.

73! Jeff Demers, N1SNB, President - Amateur Radio Supplies

### *Monitor ART on a Monday evening*







From Sunday 28 October, Amateur Radio Today will be transmitted on new frequencies - Sundays 08:00 UTC (10:00 CAT) on 7 205 kHz and 17 760 kHz; Mondays 16:30 UTC (18:30 CAT) on 4 895 kHz. Reception reports are invited. We are particularly interested in reports of the 4 895 kHz transmission on Mondays at 16:30 UTC as the frequency is close to the proposed new amateur allocation near 5 MHz. Reception reports from all areas in South Africa would be useful in our bid to ICASA for frequencies pilot studies. Send reports to [artoday@sarl.org.za](mailto:artoday@sarl.org.za).

## *African DX*

Kenya, 5Z. Sig, NV7E, will join the WW DX SSB Contest in the SO/AB/HP category signing 5Z4EE from Nairobi. QSL via home call, direct preferred, bureau ok as well.

Senegal, 6W. Al, F5VHJ, hopes for many points in the SO/AB/HP category of the WW DX SSB Contest signing 6W1RY from Dakar. QSL via homecall.

Gambia, C5. Lada, OK1DIX, Jiri, OK1DO, Petr, OK1FFU, Karel, OK1JKT, Vlada, OK1NY, Jiri, OK1RI, Vasek, OK1VVT, Joe, OM5AW, and Norbert, OM6NM, of the "Radio Syd Contest Group" will join the Multi/Multi category of the WW DX SSB Contest as C5A from the capital Banjul (Loc IK13uj, zone 35). QSL via OM2FY. See also <http://www.om0c.com>

Togo. Look for Wim, ON4CIT, to be active from Lomé (WW Loc. JJ06od), Maritime region, Golfe prefecture, Togo, as 5V7TH between 26 October and 4 November 2012. Plans are to be active on 40 - 6 metres using SSB, CW and RTTY, with an IC-7000, 6-band Broadband hexbeam, verticals for 30 and 40 m and Expert 1K-FA amplifier. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information, plus online log, can be found at [www.dxpedition.be/5V7TH.html](http://www.dxpedition.be/5V7TH.html)

Tanzania, 5H, (senior moment for the Editor!). Last week we reported that Noel, WBOVGI, informed OPDX that he is now operational in Iringa, Tanzania. However, your editor forgot to put Noel's call sign in the announcement. His call sign is 5H3NP, and he will be there until 17 December 17th. Operations will be on CW, SSB and PSK. QSL via his home call sign.

Uganda, 5X, (Back On!). Nick, G3RWF, who was expected to be active this October as 5X1NH from Uganda for two months but then postponed his trip, has now announced that he will return on 6 November for 5 weeks. He should be on 80 - 10 metres, possibly 160 m, and he prefers to operate CW but will also be on the Digital modes with some SSB. Nick will probably also be in the CQ WW DX CW Contest and the ARRL 10 m Contest. QSL via his home call sign.

Botswana, A22. Schalk, ZS3O, from Sandbaai, South Africa, was active as A22LL this past weekend from Lobatse, Botswana. He informed OPDX that he has a farm in Lobatse and will be there "every 2nd weekend." When there, Schalk mentioned that he would be on the 20 m band operating CW and SSB. Watch 14020 kHz for CW and between 14180-14240 kHz for SSB (mostly on 14 200 kHz calling CQ). QSL via his home call sign, direct and by the Bureau. NO LoTW.

Ceuta and Melilla, EA9. Con, DF4SA, Frank, DL2CC, Zoli, HA1AG, Lacy, HA3NU, and Mark, N5OT, will be active from Ceuta and Melilla as ED9Z in the CQ WW CW Contest (24 and 25 November). Plans are for a Multi-Single entry from CQ Zone 33. QSL via HA1AG.

## *African Islands*





Canary Islands, EA8. Juan, EA8CAC, will once again activate his contest call sign EF8R in the CQ WW SSB Contest from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (DIE S-005, WFF EAFF-078, WLOTA 0969, DME 35023), Canary Islands (AF-004). He plans a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power - SO2R entry, CQ zone 33. QSL direct to EB7DX. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW

Andrea, IK1PMR, and Claudia, PA3LEO, will be active from the island of Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF, Grid Loc. IL18), Canary Islands (AF-004) as EA8/home calls between 3 December 2012 and 12 February 2013. They will be active on all HF bands, plus 6 metres. Andrea will focus on CW, while Claudia will focus on RTTY. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct and e-mail requests. Website: [www.ik1pmr.com/](http://www.ik1pmr.com/)

Chagos Islands, VQ9. Steve, W3HF, will be active as VQ9HF from Diego Garcia Island until the end of October. Activity will be on the HF bands, but with a focus on PSK31. QSL via his home call sign.

## *Special Event Stations*

### *Contest Calendar*

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 22 to 29 October 2012.

#### Illinois QSO Party

17:00 UTC 21 October to 01:00 UTC 22 October

Mode: CW/Digital, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: Fixed; Mobile; Portable; Rover; Non-IL

Exchange: IL: RS(T) and County; non-IL: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO

Multipliers: IL Stations: Each IL county, state, VE province once; IL Stations: Each DXCC country (max of 5) once; non-IL Stations: Each IL county once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 21 November 2012

E-mail logs to: [n9if@arrl.net](mailto:n9if@arrl.net)

Mail logs to: WIARC, PO Box 3132, Quincy IL 62305-3132, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202012%20Rules.pdf>

#### Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 22 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once; Multiplier mults by 2 if >50 members worked





Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 28 October 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/>

#### SKCC Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 24 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and SKCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member QSO per band; 10 points per Tribune member QSO per band; 25 points per QSO with SKCC club call (K9SKC) per band

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 26 October 2012

E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/sks-submit.html>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/>

#### CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 24 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 25 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 27 October 2012

Post log summary at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/onair.html>

#### RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, SSB

19:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: 100 W; 10 W

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points





Submit logs by: 1 November 2012

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/rsprint.shtml>

#### NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 26 October

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 28 October 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

#### CQ Worldwide DX SSB Contest

00:00 UTC 27 October to 24:00 UTC 28 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted Single Band - QRP, low or high; Xtreme Single Op; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; Xtreme Multi-Op

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RS and CQ Zone No

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 0 points per QSO with same country (counts as mult); 1 point per QSO with different country same continent; 2 points per QSO with different country same continent (NA); 3 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: Each CQ zone once per band; each country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 2 November 2012

E-mail logs to: [ssb@cqww.com](mailto:ssb@cqww.com)

Web-to-Cabrillo form: [http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/cqwwssb\\_cab.php](http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/cqwwssb_cab.php)

Mail logs to: Paper Logs, Box 481, New Carlisle, OH 45344, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm>, [http://www.cqww.com/rules\\_xtreme.htm](http://www.cqww.com/rules_xtreme.htm)

### *Next Week's Contests*

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 2 November

SARL RaDAR Contest, 12:00 - 18:00 UTC 3 November

IPARC CW Contest, 06:00 - 10:00 UTC and 14:00 - 18:00 UTC 3 November

Ukrainian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 3 November to 12:00 UTC 4 November

ARRL Sweepstakes CW Contest, 21:00 UTC 3 November to 03:00 UTC 5 November

IPARC SSB Contest, 06:00 - 10:00 UTC and 14:00 - 18:00 UTC 4 November

High Speed Club CW Contest, 09:00 - 11:00 UTC and 15:00 - 17:00 UTC 4 November

DARC 10-Metre Digital Contest, 11:00 - 17:00 UTC 4 November







ARS Spartan Sprint, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 6 November

## *History This Week*

A look back at events that made history this week - compiled by the Summerland Amateur Radio Club of Lismore, NSW and Dennis, ZS4BS. The week starting Monday 22 October 2012.

- 1793 - Eli Whitney applies for a patent on the cotton gin
- 1861 - First US transcontinental telegram sent ending the Pony Express service
- 1888 - First ballpoint pen patented by John Loud
- 1897 - (28 Oct) Hercules Robinson, South Africa Commissioner (1880 - 89, 1895 - 97), dies
- 1899 - (22 Oct) British troops flee from Dundee, Natal
- 1899 - (24 Oct) Battle at Rietfontein
- 1925 - (24 Oct) Jayaaram N Reddy, South African politician/banker born
- 1925 - Water skis patented by Fred Waller
- 1927 - (25 Oct) Hedley Keith, cricketer (solid left-handed for South Africa in the 1950's) born
- 1938 - (28 Oct) Peter Carlstein, cricketer (South African Test batsman 1958-64) born
- 1942 - (23 Oct) start of the Second Battle of El Alamein, which lasted for 13 days (23 Oct - 4 Nov 1942)
- 1945 - First ballpoint pen goes on sale by Laslo Biro, 57 years after it was patented.
- 1960 - First electronic wristwatch placed on sale in New York city
- 1962 - (23 Oct) Christo van Rensburg, South African tennis star born
- 1966 - First Pacific communications satellite, Intelsat 2, launched
- 1975 - (23 Oct) Battle between South African and Cuban forces in Angola
- 1976 - (26 Oct) Transkei gains independence, but is not recognised outside of South Africa
- 1983 - (26 Oct) Luke Watson, South African rugby player born
- 1986 - (25 Oct) the International Red Cross ousted from South Africa
- 1998 - (29 Oct) the Truth and Reconciliation Commission presents its report, which condemns both sides for committing atrocities
- 2006 - (23 Oct) Lebo Mathosa, South African entertainer (b. 1977) dies

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